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Aled Roberts AM

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Dear Aled Roberts AM

I said I would write following your question raised in Plenary on 5 February regarding the Building Regulation requirements for acoustics standards in Schools.

The Welsh Government and the Building Regulations Advisory Committee for Wales (BRACW) have previously agreed to review Part E4 (Acoustic conditions in schools) of the building regulations, once the Department for Education in England have published their revised Building Bulletin 93 (BB93). BB93 is the reference document for acoustic performance for schools under the Building Regulations.

The UK Department for Education (DfE) plans to go out to public consultation in early 2014 on proposals to replace the standards in section 1 of the current BB93.

Once the consultation document has been released, we will, in conjunction with the Department for Education and Skills review the proposals with regard to its continued use in Wales. Subject to DfE publishing the final version we will consider in conjunction with BRACW if any amendments to the Building Regulations or Approved Document E are required.

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